..Development of a nuclear device by Pakistan .. ..

@1073. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI BHIM RAJ:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan is working on a nuclear device with Chinese assistance thereby posing a threat to the security of India; and

(b) if so, what precautionary measures Government are taking to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) and (b) In the context of Pakistan's nuclear programme having a non-peaceful dimension, Government have taken note of reports to this effect along with statements by senior US officials and experts concerning possible Chinese collaboration in Pakistan's effort to develop nuclear weapons.

Government are keeping a close watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security.

Historical atlases published by China..

@@1074. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Indian Express of the 30th June, 1984 to the effect that China has published a series of historical atlases in its text books showing many areas belonging to the neighbouring countries as the territory of China and in its first two volumes, apart from Ladakh and Aksai Chin parts of Himachal Pradesh, Eastern Nepal and the whole of Sikkim, Darjeeling, Bhutan and, Arunachal Pradesh have also been shown as parts of Mongolia and large parts of present day Soviet Union, Northern Burma and Northern Vietnam as parts of China; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Chinese atlases in question form part of a series of eight volumes. They are supposed to indicate the territorial extent of China in different periods of history. The correctness or otherwise of these historical studies can form a subject of academic disputation and counter studies from the countries concerned. It is somewhat intriguing that the Chinese authorities should have sponsored such publications at the present juncture.

So far as India is concerned we have refuted their current claims in great detail during the 1960 talks and subsequently, and the Chinese are well aware of our position in this matter.

Broadcast on B.B.C. by Dr. Jagjit Singh Chauhan ..

@@@1075. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI F. M. KHAN:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI KISHORE MEHTA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the month of June, 1984 B.B.C. allowed Dr. Jagjit Singh Chauhan and other self-styled Khalistan leaders to broadcast anti-India speeches wherein they threatened to kill the Prime Minister and also incited terrorism in India;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India thereto; and

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(c) what action the Government of India have taken to counteract such anti-India propaganda?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) Dr. Jagjit Singh Chauhan was interviewed on B.B.C. Radio 4 in the programme "World at One" on June 12, 1984. In the course of the interview he stated that in the Sikh History anybody who had touched the Holy places had not been left alive, and within a few days there could be news that Mrs. Gandhi and her family had been beheaded. He also said that while he did not want any violence in Britain, "We shall have to continue this struggle back in the home, that is what we have to do and organise".

(b) Government of India condemn such inflammatory and highly objectionable utterances. Our views have been conveyed to the British Government through diplomatic channels in London as well as in New Delhi. The British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs has expressed regrets at this interview and described Dr. Chauhan's utterances as "most objectionable". The British Home Office is examining Dr. Chauhan's statements for possible violation of law. Government of India are watching the situation. A protest has also been lodged with the B.B.C.

(c) Our High Commission in London has been countering such objectionable propaganda by maintaining contacts with the Press and various individuals. We have also distributed video cassettes to various Indian associations and individuals which explain the rationale of Government action in Punjab and depict the correct situation.

Release of Indian prisoners in Pak jails

@1076. SHRI P. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian prisoners released by Pakistan authorities during the last two months;

(b) the number of Indians still detained in Pak jails; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to get them released and repatriated to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) 15 Indian prisoners have been released by Pakistan authorities during the last two months.

(b) It is believed that about 500 Indians are detained in Pakistan jails.

(c) Continuous efforts are being made by the Government to get the Indian prisoners released and repatriated.

Moratorium on testing and deployment of space weapons

@@1077. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the initiative taken by the Government of India to work out multilateral agreement on a moratorium on testing and deployment of space weapons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): The Government of India has been consistently working, in consultation and coordination with the governments of all the like-minded countries, at the international forums of the Conference on Disarmament (CD), the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) and the General Assembly of the United Nations, to ensure that the outer space is used exclusively for peaceful purposes. These joint efforts are *inter alia* aimed at preventing any militarisation of outer space and extension of an arms race into outer space, so that both the testing and deployment of space

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